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Dusk settles in as Tech. Sgt. Kevin Driscoll, 731st Airlift Squadron loadmaster, stands ground for a C-130 engine start on a February night training flight. Driscoll is one of the enlisted aircrew members who honored their own, story on page 8. Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Jim Riley.

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You are critical to readiness

...heard the saying, 'leading a horse to water'?

By Col. Richard R. Moss
Commander

Many of you have asked me questions about what role the 302nd Airlift Wing will have in future events around the world. I only wish I knew and could help in relieving your concerns. However, plans change daily. By the time you read this column, our role could already be decided. I can only say that, as we have done so well in the past, we need to be ready to do whatever is needed to provide vital support to our Air Force and our country.

Our ability to meet these needs involves your unit and, even more importantly, you. Your unit leadership must ensure you have been provided every opportunity to learn the skills necessary to be able to perform your AFSC, Air Force Specialty Code, specific duties and to be able to survive in a combat environment if necessary. Your leaders must also ensure you have the necessary equipment and have completed all requirements needed to deploy.

However, we have all heard the saying "You can lead a horse to water but you can't make him drink". This is where the most critical person in the readiness process takes over – you, the individual reservist. You need

to assume the personal accountability to take advantage of every training opportunity. If you feel you need more training, you need to ask for it. You also need to ensure you have all your deployment requirements completed – required immunizations, current physical (due every year in your birth month), personal equipment, weapons qualification, etc. If you know you need something, don't wait to be told to get it. Tell someone you need it!

One other aspect of readiness people frequently overlooked is making sure your family is prepared in the event you deploy. Do you have an up-to-date will and power of attorney? If you don't, contact the legal office to get them accomplished. Make sure your family knows where important documents are maintained and what your financial obligations are. You need to ensure your family is as prepared for deployments as you are militarily.



We, in the military do not make policy, we simply execute it. We can't control our destiny when it comes to responding to our nation's needs. However, we can control our personal preparedness. We can assume the personal accountability and responsibility to ensure we are always ready. We proved that during this unit's nine and a half month activation for Operations Nobel Eagle and Enduring Freedom. If needed, we will once again demonstrate why we are considered one of the premier C-130 units in the Air Force.

Reservists augment Columbia remains processing

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. – Thirty-six Air Force reservists volunteered and 13 were hand-selected for their experience to help prepare the remains of the seven space shuttle Columbia astronauts for final interment.

The reservists were already in place at the Charles C. Carson Center for Mortuary Affairs before a C-141 Starlifter carrying the remains arrived at Dover AFB, Del., from Barksdale AFB, La., just after 2:30 p.m. Feb. 5. Aboard the aircraft were seven coffin-like cases, symbolizing Colombia's seven crew members. Six of the cases were draped with American flags, the seventh with the flag of Israel in honor of Israeli astronaut Ilan Ramon.

At the Carson Center, the reservists are helping to prepare the remains as quickly as possible for return to the next-of-kin and final burial arrangements. The remains are to be inspected, identified and prepared with the utmost dignity and respect by the mortuary professionals. Forensic procedures include dental record checks, fingerprints and bone analysis. DNA samples can be taken and forwarded to other facilities for evaluation.

Eight of the reservists are from Air Force Reserve Command's 512th Memorial Affairs Squadron at Dover. Three are from the 446th Services Flight, McChord AFB, Wash., and the other two are from the 934th SVF, Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport Air Reserve Station, Minn.

"I know that there was an outpouring of volunteers throughout the Air Force Reserve," said Col. Gary Cook, 934th Airlift Wing commander. "But Maj. (Neal) Landeen and Senior Master Sgt. (Dennis) McLean were both chosen because of their extensive experience with mortuary assistance."

Most of the reservists from the three bases assisted in the processing of remains from the 9/11 Pentagon attack. Landeen and McLean also worked at the Carson Center following the crash of a Marine Osprey aircraft in April 2000.

AFRC has 266 reservists in 10 port mortuary units from around the U.S. who provide 74 percent of the Air Force's port mortuary capability. (AFRC News Service)

Meals Ready-to-Eat - customer friendly

By 2nd Lt. John Fage
*Air Force Reserve Command
Public Affairs*

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. – Napoleon once said that “an army travels on its stomach.” Today’s U.S. military is no different, although the size and method of packaging food has changed greatly over the years.

Deployment field rations – Meals Ready-to-Eat – are intended to provide about 4,000 much-needed calories each day. However, some troops aren’t receiving as many calories and as much nutrition from MREs as they should.

As a result, researchers are conducting extensive tests to develop new menu alternatives and ration packages. MREs are often the only meals troops in the field have available for the first days or even weeks of a deployment, so researchers aim to keep their customers satisfied.

New additions to MRE packages include the new “HooAH” bar, a cranberry-raspberry, raspberry, peanut butter, cinnamon or chocolate-flavored bar that provides both good taste and nutrition.

Another recent addition is a powdered, energy-rich, glucose-op-

timized drink. ERGO drink mixes come in orange, lemon, lemon-lime, raspberry and tropical punch flavors.

Pepperoni stick and barbecued chicken pocket-style sandwiches have been approved for MREs. The sandwiches are similar to popular frozen items found in grocery stores and meet the Combat Feeding Program’s shelf-life requirements of three years at 80 degrees Fahrenheit or six months at 100 degrees Fahrenheit. A pizza pocket with Italian sausage and pepperoni in tomato sauce, tuna or chicken salad pockets, and peanut butter and jelly pockets are all under consideration as future additions.

Scheduled for production by 2004, prototype combat breakfast foods include sausage-and-cheese biscuit, bagels and breakfast burritos.

Troops who have not deployed recently may be under the

impression that MREs are all they will get at a forward deployed location. They need to know field rations don’t all come in a plastic MRE bag. Once field kitchens arrive, cooks can begin serving up to two hot meals per day with Unitized Group Rations. UGR Heat and Serve shelf-stable tray entrees and

UGR A-Ration frozen entrees integrate brand-name commercial items to form a complete meal.

Both UGR versions were developed by the Department of Defense Combat Feeding Program at the U.S. Army Soldier Systems Center in Natick, Mass.

“They’re very easy to prepare. Everything (on the UGR-A menu) is pre-cooked except for steak,” said Susan Harrington, project officer for the program’s Fielded Group Ration Improvement Program. “Since the prep time is significantly reduced, some cooks spend time spiffing up the meal by adding garnishes for a good presen-

tation.”

Before UGRs were introduced in the mid-1990s, cooks had to order an average of 34 items and hope they all arrived together to enable a complete meal. UGRs package the main course, side dishes, desserts, drink mixes, condiments, spices and other ingredients along with disposable trays, cups, flatware and trash bags into one or two stock order items. Each three-box module feeds 50.

Supplements, such as bread, milk, cold cereal and when possible, enhancements such as fresh fruits and salads, are ordered separately.

Similar to the MRE program, UGR menu items are regularly changed to satisfy consumer requests. One-week field evaluations are conducted annually to identify shortfalls and test new components.

“I have to make sure that every food item is acceptable to the warfighters,” Harrington said. “Most of the components do very well in our evaluations, and as more items become commercially available, we can bring them into the UGR. We’ve introduced cappuccino to replace cocoa. Chai is another item we’re looking into. Little things like that really seem to increase acceptability.” (AFRC News Service)



Terrorists use the internet too

By Senior Master Sgt. Kelli Wolf
302nd Communications Flight

Does your film developer automatically post your developed photos on the Internet? What may seem like harmless keepsake photographs could likely be used by terrorist groups for intelligence.

Information Warfare is intelligence gathering which can be used to our benefit as well as against us. The Secretary of Defense requests our vigilance, awareness

and focus on the mission.

Are you thinking of operations security and computer security; do you remember essentials elements of friendly information - EEFIs?

A small piece of information could be the last piece of the puzzle. When you process or pass information or communicate, remain aware of the following:

- ~ talking with friends or family - especially in public places
- ~ talking on the phone
- ~ sending an e-mail
- ~ surfing the internet



**We must conclude
that our enemies are
listening, reading
and surfing too!**

A new way to look at a tough subject

The 302nd Civil Engineer Readiness Flight is ready to expose 302nd Airlift Wing members to the common words of their profession, of the Ability to Survive and Operate. Special thanks to Senior Master Sgt. Lynn Vorce for creating new ways to train at a tough subject.

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Smallpox 101: What you need to know

By 2nd Lt. Lance Patterson

Air Force Reserve Command Public Affairs

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE Ga. – As rumors of biological war intensify, the United States is taking precautions to protect its military people and their civilian counterparts from the threat of smallpox.

Government officials are hoping for the best but preparing for the worst. Here are some basic facts and information about the deadly virus that the general public needs to know:

- Smallpox is a serious, contagious disease that, in most cases, kills 30 percent of the time. It spreads through face-to-face contact, infected bed linens or body fluids. In rare cases, it can spread through the air and

enclosed spaces.

- Symptoms that accompany smallpox include a fever of 101 to 104 degrees, head and body ache, and occasionally abdominal pain and vomiting.

- Prevention of the disease is done by the smallpox vaccine, which uses a live virus called vaccinia, which is related to smallpox.

- Pregnant women, people with HIV, or undergoing chemotherapy, or people with skin disorders should not take the vaccine.

- Adverse reactions to military directed vaccines are line-of-duty conditions. Members of Air Force Reserve Command and the Air National Guard will be in a "duty status" when they receive vaccines directed by the military. If the injury or illness is incurred performing inactive duty or active duty for

less than 31 days, they are entitled to treatment for that injury or condition.

- An immunization can prevent infection for three to five years and death or severe illness for at least 10 years.

More information about the disease and vaccine are available at the following Web sites:

- <http://www.smallpox.gov>
- <http://www.vaccines.army.mil>
- <http://www.bt.cdc.gov/agent/smallpox/index.asp>
- <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/smallpox.html>
- <http://www.hopkins-biodefense.org/pages/agents/agentsmallpox.html> (AFRC News Service)

Troops to Teachers program reels in 302nd recruiter

Story & photo by Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor
Front Range Flyer

Chief Master Sgt. Jeff Grzecka, 302nd Airlift Wing senior recruiter, is on the verge of retiring from a 26-year career in the Air Force.

Instead of scoping out a favorite fishing hole near some mountain lake, he is casting his line into the educational waters. Grzecka, an Air Force recruiter for the past 20 years, is embarking on a new career - as a teacher.

"I knew I was retiring, so I had to really start looking at what I wanted to do," he said. "Now that I'm picking my second career I had to say, 'Look, I need to pick something I'm really going to enjoy.'"

Someone suggested Grzecka look into the Troops to Teachers program, so he did. After doing some serious soul searching, he talked to a couple of teachers - even shadowed two of them. It opened his eyes to an opportunity to continue working with young people.

As a recruiter, Grzecka has visited numerous schools, seeking out individuals who might have an interest in a career in the Air Force Reserve.

As a teacher, he will still be helping steer young people in the right direction, but he hopes to work with children of a younger age group.

Troops to Teachers has helped Grzecka get his foot in the door to education.

He is finishing the final course he needs to meet his bachelor's degree requirements, then must become



Chief Master Sgt. Jeff Grzecka is aiming at a teaching career following his retirement from the Air Force Reserve in July.

Troops to Teachers gaining popularity

By Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor
Front Range Flyer

The Troops to Teachers program is gaining popularity since being made available last year to members of the Guard and Reserve.

Interest in the program is growing rapidly throughout the Guard and Reserve, according to Bob Leonard, Mountain West Troops to Teachers representative.

"We're seeing much more interest," he said. "A lot of that is because we're getting the word out to the Guard and Reserve through their education service offices. We've seen a huge number of registrations from the Guard and Reserve and we're looking for more."

Troops to Teachers was established in 1994, but until

last year was only available to active duty members.

Members of the 302nd can learn more about the Troops to Teachers program by visiting the education and training office.

They can also call Mountain West Troops to Teachers at 1-800-438-6851 or e-mail colottt@uccs.edu.

You can also find more information about Troops-to-Teachers by writing DANTES Troops to Teachers, 6490 Sauflay Field Road, Pensacola, FL 32509-5243; phoning 1-850-452-1320, 1-800-231-6242 (toll free), or DSN 922-1151; visiting <http://www.proudtoserveagain.com> or e-mail ttt@voled.doded.mil.

For a listing of the Troops to Teachers State Offices, call DANTES or visit the home page at the above address.

is provided through a network of state placement assistance offices. Financial assistance is available to those individuals who meet requirements.

Troops to Teachers will help him find a job and could even provide him with some financial aid if the school which hires him meets certain guidelines.

Troops to Teachers was established in 1994 as a Department of Defense program, but until last year was only available to active duty members.

The purpose of Troops to Teachers is to assist eligible military personnel to transition to a new career as public school teachers in "high-need" schools.

Counseling, referral, and placement assistance

is provided through a network of state placement assistance offices. Financial assistance is available to those individuals who meet requirements.

"It's an excellent program and now it's open to reservists," Grzecka said.

"It's a win-win situation," said Chief Master Sgt. Carolyn Rice, 302nd Mission Support Squadron chief of education and training. "It's a win for us, a win for the community, a win for the individual, a win for the civilian job market."

"This is just another thing that the Air Force Reserve is getting as an entitlement. We really have some fantastic benefits in the Guard and Reserve."

Troops to Teachers not only benefits the Guard and Reserve, but it is advantageous for the community as well, according to Bob Leonard, Mountain West Troops to Teachers representative.

"The reservists and the guardsmen are prime candidates because they're rooted in the community," he said.

Grzecka was one of the first members of the 302nd to register for the Troops to Teachers program.

"He was one of a group who kind of initiated this," Leonard said. "There were quite a few who registered all at the same time."

Wing recruiters tops in Snowfest competition

By Tech. Sgt. David D. Morton
Front Range Flyer

Wing recruiters made a name for themselves when they took the Nearest to the Target category in the Cardboard Derby race at this year's annual Snowfest held at Keystone Resort, Colo.

Team Peterson was comprised of Master Sgts. Todd Hairr and Brendt Traicoff, Tech Sgt. John Erzen, and Master Sgt. Cheryl Perault from 302nd AW Recruiting.

They were one of many military teams participating in this year's event held Jan. 24-26, which drew nearly 3,000 participants from military installations throughout the Department of Defense.

Other teams participating in



Tech. Sgt. John Erzen, 302nd AW recruiter, poses with the wing's newest C-130, which won the Nearest to the Target competition during the Cardboard Derby at Snowfest 2003. (Photo by Master Sgt. Brendt Traicoff)

Snowfest 2003 represented the Air Force Academy, Schriever AFB, Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station, Fort Carson, F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo. and Buckley AFB, Colo.

Snowfest 2003 included competition in individual and team skiing, and downhill snowboard racing.

"There are several different classes in each Snowfest event,"

said Traicoff. "We placed first in the organizational category and received a plaque from Gen. Lance Lord, Air Force Space Command commander, following the cardboard derby competition."

The Air Force Band of the Rockies performed nightly during the three-day event, and more than \$20,000 dollars in prizes and random giveaways were made available for participants through 14 different sponsors including, U.S. Navy Reserve Recruiting, Colorado Air National Guard, the Colorado Springs Sky Sox and U.S. Air Force Reserve Recruiting.

"We were one of many sponsors," said Traicoff. "Our logo was present everywhere throughout this year's event."

Arctic survival - in southern Florida!?

By Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor
Front Range Flyer

When 45 members of the 302nd Airlift Wing

ventured to Key West, Fla., for combat and water survival training recently, they probably had the impression they had made a wrong turn somewhere along the way and ended up in the Arctic Circle.

Instead of the 80 degree weather typical for the southernmost point of the United States, the aircrew, life support, intelligence, safety, medical and maintenance personnel witnessed the coldest day ever recorded in Key West. Temperatures dropped

into the 30s and a strong, cold wind was blowing in off the ocean. The cold weather closed schools and heated establishments became very popular.

"About 75 percent of the buildings down there don't have heat," said Chief Master Sgt. Michael A. Carton, chief of Aircrew Life Support.

Fortunately, wing members were prepared, having been properly attired for winter weather they thought they had left behind.

"Everybody had come from Colorado, so we had the clothing and stuff," Carton said.

Organized by the 731st Airlift Squadron Aircrew Life Support section, the training went on

as planned. It covered chemical warfare, egress, hanging harness, water survival, combat survival and self-aid/buddy care.

Life support

Aircrew members from the 731st Airlift Squadron received instruction in casualty rescue procedures. for most aspects of the training, which was a joint effort consisting of personnel and assets from the Air Force Reserve, active duty Air Force, Navy, Coast Guard and Special Forces.



Photo by 731st AS Life Support

Aircrew members from the 731st Airlift Squadron receive instruction in casualty rescue procedures.

The 302nd has been conducting water survival training in Key West for about eight years, but this year marked a time when it felt like they never set foot outside of wintry Colorado.



Photo by 731st AS Life Support

Thermal blankets helped wing members brave a record-setting cold day in Key West, Fla.

731st Airlift Squadron enlisted aircrew

...new traditions begin as they honor their heritage

By Lt. Col. Clancy Preston
Front Range Flyer

More than 170 members of the 731st Airlift Squadron attended the first Enlisted Aircrew Recognition Program at the Peterson AFB Enlisted Club, Feb. 8.

The three enlisted aircrew members for whom the awards were named, died in a C-130 aircraft accident May 13, 1995. Chief

Master Sgt. Jimmie D. Vail, Master Sgt. Jay K. Kemp and Staff Sgt. Michael L. Scheideman were remembered for their strong leadership qualities, leading always by example, according to the master of ceremonies and 302nd Operations Group Enlisted Aircrew Superintendent, Senior Master Sgt. Rick Kite.

"This day has been long in

coming. Jimmie, Jay and Shidy were the best role models I've known," said Kite.

"Starting today, as we recognize the strong mentorship of these great men, I say to the recipients of these awards, 'pay it forward'," said Col. Wes Langland, 302nd Operations Group commander.

The award recipients were

selected by their peers. In addition to the 2002 awards, Senior Master Sgt. Ernest G. Leyba received the Master Sgt. Jay K. Kemp, Senior NCO Airlifter Leadership Award for first quarter 2003 and Tech. Sgt. Joseph M. Rorick received the Staff Sgt. Michael L. Scheideman NCO Airlifter Leadership Award, first quarter 2003.



Senior Master Sgt. Robert D. Lund received the Master Sgt. Jay K. Kemp Senior NCO Airlifter Leadership Award, 2002.

Master Sgt. Jay K. Kemp



Senior Master Sgt. Robert D. Lund



Staff Sgt. Michael L. Scheideman

Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey A. Flight and Tech. Sgt. Joseph A. Fox tied for Staff Sgt. Michael L. Scheideman NCO Airlifter Leadership Award, 2002.



Senior Master Sgt. Rick Kite

Senior Master Sgt. Richard G. Kite, received the Chief Master Sgt. Jimmie D. Vail Enlisted Airlifter Leadership Award, 2002.



Chief Master Sgt. Jimmie Vail



Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey A. Flight



Tech. Sgt. Joseph A. Fox



Senior Master Sgt. Peter J. LaBarre Jr. and Senior Airman Peter J. LeBarre III

Awards abound for 302nd Operations Group

Father and son award recipients, Senior Master Sgt. Peter J. LaBarre, Jr., and Senior Airman Peter J. LeBarre III, both loadmasters in the 302nd Operations Group; Peter III for the 731st Airlift Squadron and Peter Jr., for the 302nd Air-

lift Control Flight, received Air Medals during the 302nd Operations Group commander's call Feb. 9 at the Peterson AFB Officer's Club.

The 302nd Operations Group presented more than 150 awards ranging from Meritorious Service

Medals to Air Force Achievements Medals, some individuals receiving more than one award. A nine and half month activation and a heavy firefighting season led to the largest awards presentation seen by the operations group.

"This was a cul-

mination of outstanding performance by the members of the 302d Operation Group", said Col. Wes Langland, 302nd OG commander. I was very proud to have had the honor to present so many awards."



Distinguished visitor

Chief Master Sgt. (retired) Sam E. Parrish (right), the eighth Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, greets Master Sgt. Bill Schultheis, 731st Airlift Squadron aircrew life support journeyman, during a visit to the 302nd Airlift Wing Feb. 6. Parrish toured wing headquarters, maintenance, aircrew life support and the military personnel flight and discussed current issues with several wing members.

Photo by Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor

'Major Anderson explains' mandays & orders

Editor's note - Maj. Brian Anderson, 302nd Service Flight commander, shares information with his unit through a monthly newsletter. Following is one of the topics he recently addressed.

I've been a reservist for less than a year and one of the things that has been hardest for me to adjust since coming from active duty are all the different kinds of orders we have in the Reserve.

We have the unit training assembly, annual tour, reserve personnel appropriations mandays, military personnel appropriations mandays, inactive duty for training, active duty for training, and active duty for support.

So what do all these mean, and when do we use orders instead of an AF Form 40A?

The reason this is so complicated is the way the government uses money. Imagine that you have several different bank accounts, one for your rent payment, one for your car payment, one for paying utilities and cable TV, one for groceries, another for entertainment, and so on. Some of your expenses are fixed, like

rent or car payment, and you can't use that money for anything else. Other accounts are more flexible; gas prices go up, so you move some money from the entertainment account into the gas account. That is the way the government manages its money. Active duty money and Reserve money are separate.

Inactive duty for training is normally performed in 4-hour blocks. We typically use two types of IDT: UTA and Readiness Management Period. Normally, reservists on IDT do not receive travel pay nor do they receive allowances such as Basic Allowance for Housing. IDT is requested and recorded on the AF Form 40 for groups and the AF Form 40A for individuals.

Active duty is requested and recorded on the AF Form 938, commonly known as orders. We primarily deal with three types of orders: AT, RPA mandays, and MPA mandays.

Money for AT is set aside at the beginning of the fiscal year, Oct. 1, and cannot be used for other things. RPA mandays are paid for by the Reserve and

MPA mandays are paid for by active duty. Both types of mandays are for temporary requirements and are limited to 139 days of each per year, but can be waived to 179 days.

As the 302nd SVF commander, I have a budget for RPA mandays and RMPs and I can approve orders within my budget, with group commander oversight.

When we provide support to active duty units the request process is more involved. The active duty unit identifies a need to bring someone in on MPA mandays. The AD unit sends a request to the major command to see if money is available. For example, the 21st Services squadron at Peterson AFB would go to Air Force Space Command. The MAJCOM then sends a request to Air Force Reserve Command which will approve and advertise the requirement. This is very important because it allows all reservists the ability to volunteer for slots regardless of where they are.

If the AD unit doesn't have the money to pay for travel costs, they can specify locals

only to fill the request. Reserve units who have members available to fill the requirement submit names to



AFRC which will select who goes and notify their unit. AFRC has denied mandays to members who try to go around the process and make a deal with a local unit.

In a nutshell: rescheduled UTAs and RMPs use an AF Form 40A, AT and mandays get orders; RPA-paid for by the Reserve, MPA-paid for by active duty.

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- AD** – Active Duty
- BAH** – Basic Allowance for Housing
- MAJCOM** – Major Command
- AT** – Annual Tour
- RPA** – Reserve Personnel Appropriations
- MPA** – Military Personnel Appropriations Mandays
- IDT** – Inactive Duty for Training
- AFRC** – Air Force Reserve Command

Unit Training Assembly Schedule

March 8-9

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0530 – 1000	Breakfast is Served	Aragon Dining Facility	SVS/6-4180
0600 – 0730	“Jump Start” Fellowship	Sandy’s Restaurant	HC/6-4006
0730 – 1500	Newcomers Orientation	Bldg 893 Wing Conf Room	MPF/6-7976
0730 – 0900	No Meeting Period	All Locations	CV/6-7087
0730 – 1600	Physical Exams	Clinic	ASTS/6-4117
0900 – 1000	HRDC Meeting	Bldg 895 Room 206	CV/6-7087
0900 – 1000	Supervisor Safety Training	Bldg 350 Room 1052	SE/6-8163
0900 – 1000	UTM Training Meeting Bldg 895	Room 204	DPMT/6-7250
0900 – 1100	Immunizations	Clinic	ASTS/6-1132
1000 – 1030	Wing Training Plan Council	Bldg 895 Room 206	XP/6-6770
1100 – 1730	Let’s Do Lunch!	Aragon Dining Facility	SVS/6-4180
1100 – 1230	Lunch & A Lift	Aragon Colorado Room	HC/6-4006
1130 -	Annual Enlisted Luncheon	Dining Hall (seating @ 1100)	SVF/6-4180
1200 – 1600	Chemical Training	Bldg 1324 2nd floor	CE/6-7221
1215 – 1530	CDC/PME Testing	Bldg 895 Room 204	DPMT/6-7250
1300 – 1600	Chaplains Available	Bldg 893 Room 143	HC/6-4006
1300 – 1400	DNA and HIV Testing	Clinic	ASTS/6-1132
1500 – 1600	Homosexual Policy	Bldg 893 Room 111	JA/6-8140
1500 – 1530	Anthrax Briefing	Bldg 893 Wing Conf Room	ASTS/4-1136
2000 – 2300	Late Night Snack	Aragon Dining Facility	SVS/6-4180

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0530 – 1000	Breakfast is Served	Aragon Dining Hall	SVS/6-4180
0800 – 0900	3A0 AFSC Training	Bldg 893 Wing Conf Room	SC/6-8192
0800 – 0900	First Sergeants Meeting	Aragon Dining Facility	6-8307
0800 – 1200	Chemical Refresher	Bldg 1324 2nd floor	CEX/6-7221
0800 – 1200	First Duty Station	Bldg 895 Room 205	6-6215
1100 – 1200	CWD Mask Fit Testing	Bldg 1324 2nd floor	CEX/6-7221
1100 – 1700	Let’s Do Lunch	Aragon Dining Facility	SVS/6-4180
1215 – 1530	CDC / PME Testing	Bldg 895 Room 204	DPMT/6-7250
1300 – 1400	Commanders SORTS Mtg	Command Post CAT Room	CC/6-7369
1300 – 1400	DNA and HIV Testing	Clinic	ASTS/6-1132
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302nd Airlift Wing intranet site now available

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www.mil.afrc.af.mil/302aw.
To access the 302nd limited
link, stop by the 302nd Com-
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Helpdesk in building 893
and get the user ID and
password to enter.

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and password is required
for added security of wing
information such as the
wing calendar of specific
events, contact names,
directories and exercise
information.

April Bowling tournament

The 302nd Mission Sup-
port Group is sponsoring their
second annual bowling tour-
nament 3 p.m., April 5.

Contact Master Sgt.
Tamra Davis at
tamra.davis@usafa.af.mil or
556-4001.

Enlisted Recognition Luncheon March 8, 11:30 a.m. Enlisted Club

make your reservations now

Master Sgt. Kim Guidry, 302nd Civil
Engineering first sergeant, is accepting
money and luncheon choices. Her
numbers are 556-1440 or cell 650-2273.



Two excellence awards

The 302nd Airlift Wing and 310th Space Group have qualified for the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award. They are among 21 Air Force Reserve units which have recently received the honor.

The 302nd received the award for the period of Jan. 1, 2001 to Aug. 31, 2002. The 310th, located at Schriever AFB, received it for Oct. 1, 2001 to Sept. 30, 2002. (AFRC News Service)

Airline carrier refunds

Air Force Reserve Command sent an official request to all airlines on Dec 30, 2002 requesting relief from all fees and penalties associated with cancelled air travel in associated with Operation Enduring Freedom/Noble Eagle. Our requested dates were Dec. 1, 2002 through Feb. 28 of this year.

To find out what carriers have provided, contact traffic management offices, installation transportation offices, and commercial travel offices or transportation offices.

Spouse information seminar - May 3

8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Peterson AFB Officer's Club

Topics will include: medical care, insurance, identification cards, military shopping and recreational opportunities, legal and financial issues, and spouse educational benefits. For more information contact Family Readiness at 556-7591.

Deserving Airman Commissioning Program gets a new look; board meets in April

By 2nd Lt. Joan Yarrell
302nd Military Personnel Officer

The 302nd Airlift Wing has reviewed and updated the Deserving Airman Commissioning Program with the first board to convene during the April Unit Training Assembly. Interested members need to submit packages to Career Enhancements by 3 p.m., March 14. Individuals will be in service dress to meet the board face to face.

The biggest difference in the new program is that there will be two boards per year - April and October. Additionally, rather than meet the board for a specific position, the individuals will be

placed in a pool of candidates deemed qualified for commissioning. Once an officer position comes available, the list of commissionable candidates goes to the hiring official for interviews. A candidate will be selected by the hiring official, pre-commissioning paperwork submitted and physicals done; if everything is approved by AFRC, the selected individual is put in for a school date.

The board will have four members. The president will be a colonel and the three other members will represent the groups across the wing, to include the 310th Space Group. Board results will be good for six months or until the next board meets.

For additional information, contact 2nd Lt. Joan Yarnell at 556-7324.

Negligence nightmare, consequences do happen

By Tech. Sgt. David D. Morton
Front Range Flyer

Pleading ignorance isn't an option in handling government credit card accounts. The primary responsibility for maintaining accounts properly and making timely payments falls directly on the card holder, according to Donna Winters, 302nd Airlift Wing budget technician and agency program coordinator.

"Air Force Reserve Command monitors the amount of delinquencies in each wing through the command," said Winters. "Some people have other financial problems and let their government accounts become delinquent."

"Although the credit card is issued to an individual, it should only be used to purchase goods and services that can be reimbursed on a travel voucher," said Col. Richard R. Moss, 302nd AW commander. "Abuse of the card (making unauthorized purchases) and nonpayment of the credit card bill is unacceptable and will not be tolerated."

Some reservists make the mistake of assuming they'll receive travel reimbursement before the bill comes due; that may not be the case.

"Don't wait for receipt of your monthly bill to file your travel claim, and don't wait for your monthly bill to become overdue," said Winters.

"Members who have difficulties paying their bill because they have not received reimbursement for travel should work with their unit and with finance to resolve that issue, but it is still their responsibility to pay their bills on time," Moss said.

"We can't emphasize enough following through once you've submitted a travel voucher for payment," said Winters. "Many people assume they've gotten paid when the bill comes due. Split disbursement works well and will be mandatory in the near future."

Failure to pay your monthly bill will result in the loss of charging privileges with your credit card suspended until payment in full is received by the bank.

"Not only can nonpayment

result in disciplinary action, but it can degrade an individual's credit rating, making it difficult to purchase a home, a car, etc.," Moss said.

An account is considered past due if the amount is not received within 45 days of the closing date, and suspended after 61 days from the closing date by the government credit card contractor.

"Punishment can range from anywhere to a letter of admonishment to an Article 15 or discharge," said Chief Master Sgt. Jack Vier, 302nd Maintenance Squadron first sergeant. "The punishment should fit the severity of the misuse."

"Col. Moss's policy is no one out-processes from the wing if an outstanding balance is on their credit card," said Winters.

"As a military reserve unit we used to have one to two Article 15s per year on misuse of government credit cards," said Tech. Sgt. Vicki Robertson, law office manager for the 302nd AW Judge Advocate's office. "We've had four just this year."

Mobilization may affect child support responsibilities

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. – Mobilized reservists who have a child support order can seek assistance from their state child support agency, especially under the following circumstances:

✓ Level of income has changed or will change as the result of mobilization. They may be eligible for the agency to review and adjust the amount of their support order.

✓ Support payments are being withheld from military paycheck. The state agency can ensure the withholding is transferred to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service on a timely basis to prevent or minimize missed payments. Reservists can ask their civilian employer to tell the state agency about their deployment and to provide other needed information.

✓ A child support hearing is scheduled. The agency can tell the court or hearing officer about the reservist's service status and can attempt to have the hearing rescheduled.

✓ The child support order includes health care coverage. Children of mobilized reservists are eligible for TRICARE health coverage, and the agency may be able to help enroll them in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System, a prerequisite to obtaining coverage.

✓ If people owe \$5,000 or more in past-due child support, their passports are withheld until arrangements are made with the state child support agency for paying off the debt. Some states require the debt to be paid before the passport is made available. If reservists need a passport to complete their military duties, this

could create a problem for them, as well as their assigned military unit.

For more information on child support issues, mobilized Air Force reservists can contact the nearest active-duty legal office or their Air Force Reserve Command wing legal office. They can also obtain more information from state child support enforcement agencies on the Web at the following: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cse/extinf.htm#exta> (State and local IV-D agencies on the Web) and <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cse/pol/im-01-09.htm> (OCSE Information Memorandum IM-01-09).

The Department of Defense provides assistance at the following Web site: <https://www.jagcnet.army.mil/Legal> under "family law matters." (AFRC News Service)

Dare to dream in life's storms

By Chaplain (Capt.) Tim Wilson
Senior Chaplain

He lived in uncertain times. War loomed on the horizon; the seas were dangerous and troubled. Yet, Sir Francis Drake was the first English explorer to see the Pacific Ocean, sail the beautiful California coast and navigate around the globe. He was not the kind to run from a challenge. What was the secret of his success?

Drake realized that his real enemy was not foreign war ships or brewing ocean storms, rather the adversary was within a deceptive complacency. Not dreaming, not daring, not having the right spiritual perspective, all lead to silent ruin. His prayer is insightful:

"Disturb us, Lord, when we are too well pleased with ourselves, when our dreams have come true because we have dreamed too little, when we arrive safely because we have sailed too close to the shore.

Disturb us, Lord, when with the abundance of things we possess, we have lost our

thirst for the waters of life having fallen in love with life, we ceased to dream of eternity; and in our efforts to build a new earth, we have allowed our vision of the new Heaven to dim.

Disturb us, Lord, to dare more boldly, to venture on wider seas where storms will show your mastery; where losing sight of land, we shall find the stars. We ask you to push back the horizons of our hopes; and to push into the future in strength, courage, hope and love."

In trying times the temptation is to become preoccupied with the looming danger, to lose confidence, to seek an easy way out. However, it is essential in these difficult times to dream and to dare and to seek God more fully. Renew your faith in God and you will find the courage to overcome the challenges, whatever they may be. Always remember, "Mightier than the thunder of the great waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea - the Lord on high is mighty" (Psalms 93:4) and you will find success in the voyage of life.

Military spouses can test free

By Tech. Sgt. David D. Morton
Front Range Flyer

A new quality of life initiative instituted by Air Force Reserve Command enables spouses of Air Force reservists to pursue the same educational objectives as their spouses serving with the unit.

"It's a benefit which only applies to spouses of reservists," said Master Sgt. Clayton Miller, assistant chief of Education and Training. "Active duty does not have this program."

The spouse of the Reserve member is the only family member eligible to participate in the program, and must present a Department of Defense Form 1173, Dependent Identification

Card, before testing.

"Any Reserve spouse can test by calling me at the wing education office," said Miller. "Most college level examinations are paper-based now, but will change to a computer-based program beginning in June. By March 2004 people taking tests on computer-based programs will know the results following the exam without waiting."

Subject examinations include course testing in business, composition and literature, foreign languages, history and social sciences, science and mathematics.

To schedule a CLEP or DANTES exam contact Miller, at (719) 556-7250.

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